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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 1, before line 1, add the following:

--This is a continuation of International Application PCT/GB00/00718, with an international filing date of March 1, 2000, published in English under PCT Article 21(2) and now abandoned.--.

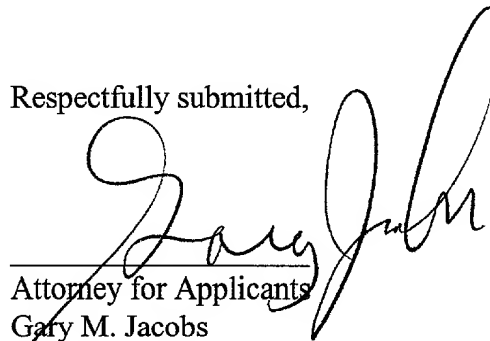
REMARKS

The specification has been amended to claim the benefit of parent PCT application PCT/GB00/00718.

Consideration and an early allowance are respectfully solicited.

Applicants undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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